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We Claim:

- 1. A method, comprising administering to an animal having prostate cancer a composition comprising M-DNA and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the amount of the M-DNA administered to the animal has an anti-neoplastic effect on cancer cells in the prostate of the animal having the prostate cancer.
- 2. A method, comprising administering to an animal having prostate cancer a composition comprising M-DNA preserved and complexed on *M. phlei* cell wall (MCC) and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the amount of the MCC administered to the animal has an anti-neoplastic effect on cancer cells in the prostate of the animal having the prostate cancer.
- The method of claims 1 and 2, wherein the prostate cancer is hormone-sensitive prostate cancer.
- 4. The method of claims 1 and 2, wherein the prostate cancer is hormone-insensitive prostate cancer.
- 15 5. The method of claims 1 and 2, wherein the anti-neoplastic effect is inhibition of proliferation of the cancer cells in the prostate.
 - 6. The method of claims 1 and 2, wherein the anti-neoplastic effect is induction of apoptosis in the cancer cells in the prestate.
- 7. The method of claims 1 and 2, wherein the anti-neoplastic effect is induction of cytokine synthesis by cells in the prostate.
 - 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the cytokines are selected from the group consisting of IL-12 and TNF- α .
 - 9. The method of claim 7, wherein the cells in the prostate are selected from the group consisting of immune system cells and prostate cancer cells.
- 25 10. The method of claims 1 and 2, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is selected from the group consisting of a solid carrier and a liquid carrier.
 - 11. A use of a composition comprising M-DNA and a pharmaceutically acceptable

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carrier in the manufacture of a medicament for administration to an animal having prostate cancer in an amount effective to treat the prostate cancer in the animal having the prostate cancer.

- 12. The use according to claim 11, wherein the prostate cancer is hormone-sensitive.
- 5 13. The use according to claim 11, wherein the prostate cancer is hormone-insensitive.
 - 14. The use according to claim 11, wherein the M-DNA inhibits proliferation of cancer cells in the prostate.
 - 15. The use according to claim 11, wherein the M-DNA induces apoptosis in prostate cancer cells in the prostate.
- 10 16. The use according to claim 11, wherein the M-DNA induces cytokine synthesis by cells in the prostate.
 - 17. A use of a composition, comprising MCC and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, in the manufacture of a medicament for administration to an animal having prostate cancer in an amount effective to treat the prostate cancer in the animal having the prostate cancer.
 - 18. The use according to claim 17, wherein the prostate cancer is hormone-sensitive.
 - 19. The use according to claim 17, wherein the prostate cancer is hormone-insensitive.
 - 20. The use according to claim 17, wherein the MCC inhibits proliferation of cancer cells in the prostate.
- 20 21. The use according to claim 17, wherein the MCC induces apoptosis in cancer cells in the prostate.
 - 22. The use according to claim 17, wherein the MCC induces cytokine synthesis by cells in the prostate.
- 23. The use according to claims 16 and 22, wherein the cytokines are selected from the group consisting of IL-12 and TNF-α.

- 24. The use according to claims 16 and 22, wherein the cells in the prostate are selected from the group consisting of immune system cells and prostate cancer cells.
- 25. The use according to claims 11 and 17, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is selected from the group comprising a solid carrier and a liquid carrier.

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